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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ARMY INTERVENES TO PRESERVE ORDER IN BANGKOK AREA

REF: BANGKOK 10922

1. GENERAL KRIT, COMMANDER IN CHIEF ORYAL THAI ARMY, CALLED EMBASSY 0040 LOCAL JULY 5 TO CONTACT AMBASSADOR; KRIT INFORMED AMBASSADOR HE HAD "SENT THE ARMY IN" TO CERTAIN SELECTED PLACES IN BANGKOK BECAUSE OF RESUMED RIOT ACTIVITY AROUND THE PHLAPPHACHAI POLICE STATION, WHERE SOME SIX MORE PEOPLE HAD BEEN KILLED IN RIOTING LATE EVENING JULY 4. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S QUERIES, HE CHARACTERIZED THE SITUATION AS "NOT TOO SERIOUS" AND SAID THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF OUTSIDE
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FORCES AT WORK.

2. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER SECRETARY PHAEN WANNEMETHI TELEPHONED EMBASSY 0130 TO INFORM US THAT, BECAUSE THE RIOT AT THE POLICE STATION SEEMED TO BE "GETTING OUT OF HAND", PRIME MINISTER SANYA HAD JUST MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT A FEW MINUTES EARLIER WARNING THE PEOPLE THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY MAY BE DECLARED IN THE BANGKOK AREA. PHAEN EXPLAINED THAT HE WISHED TO REASSURE US ON BEHALF OF RTG THAT THIS WAS SIMPLY A STEP UNDER CONSIDERATION TO PRESERVE LAW AND ORDER AND "HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH A COUP D'ETAT OR ANYTING LIKE THAT".

3. WE DO NOT HAVE TEXT OF SANYA STATEMENT AS BROADCAST BY RTG RADIO, BUT STATEMENT HAS BEEN INTERPRETED BY SOME LISTENERS AND WIRE SERVICES AS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT RTG PROCEEDING TO INSTITUTE MARTIAL LAW FOR BANGKOK AREA.

4. EVALUATION AND COMMENT WILL FOLLOW DURING WORKING HOURS AS SITUATION CLARIFIES.
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